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SUBJECT: VANCE TRIP AND ISRAELI WEST BANK SETTLEMENT:
KUWAITI PRESS REACTION

1. THE PALESTINIAN-INFLUENCED KUWAITI PRESS HAS HAD
THE FOLLOWING TO SAY RECENTLY ABOUT THE SUBJECTS
INDICATED:
A. VANCE TRIP. AL WATAN EDITORIAL OF JULY 31 AGREES
WITH EARLIER NEW YORK TIMES EDITORIAL TO THE EFFECT
THAT SEC. VANCE WILL GO TO ARAB COUNTRIES BEFORE GOING TO
ISRAEL IN ORDER TO SEEK ARAB AGREEMENT TO BEGIN'S
PROPOSALS (RATHER THAN OBTAINING ISRAELI ACCOMMODATION TO
ARAB DEMANDS) SO THAT ANY BLAME FOR FAILURE WILL FALL ON THE
ARABS. AL WATAN OF JULY 30 ALLEGES THAT VANCE, LIKE BEGIN,
HAS FAILED TO LIST THE PALESTINIAN HOMELAND ISSUE SEPARATE
FROM OTHER ELEMENTS OF MIDDLE EAST SETTLEMENT BUT PUTS
IT IN THE SAME "INVOICE" WHICH HE WILL CARRY ON HIS
MIDDLE EAST TOUR. AL RAI AL AM OF JULY 30 URGES ALL ARAB
STATES TO UNIFY "BEFORE VANCE ARRIVES" SO THAT HE WILL
BE "DEALING WITH A UNIFIED FRONT."
B. ISRAELI WEST BANK SETTLEMENTS. AL WATAN OF
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JULY 31 CARRIES A CARTOON SUGGESTING THAT THE USG
ADMONITION TO ISRAEL OVER THE SETTLEMENTS IS NOTHING
MORE THAN PROPAGANDA FOR ARAB EARS. AL WABAS OF JULY 30
CRITICIZES THE USG FOR NOT HAVING CONDEMNED ISRAELI
SETTLEMENT POLICY EVEN MORE STRONGLY AND FOR
IMPLYING THAT THE WEST BANK SETTLEMENTS ARE "NOT
INSURMOUNTABLE OBSTACLES" TO MIDDLE EAST PEACE. THIS

EDITORIAL DESCRIBED SUCH SETTLEMENTS (AND THOSE IN GOLAN) AS "VOID," "ILLEGAL," AND SUBJECT TO CONFISCATION AS "COMPENSATION" TO EGYPT, SYRIA OR PALESTINIANS DEPENDING UPON THE LOCATION OF THE SETTLEMENTS. AL RAI AL AM OF JULY 30 SCOFFED AT THE BROUHAHA CAUSED BY THE SETTLEMENT ISSUE, CALLING IT TRIVIA IN RELATION TO THE LARGER QUESTIONS FACING THE MIDDLE EAST.
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